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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Corrections Act; to amend
2 section 47-624, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2006; to provide a duty for the Community Corrections
4 Council; and to repeal the original section.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 47-624, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3 47-624 The council shall:

4 (1) Develop standards for eligible community correctional
5 facilities and programs in which offenders can participate, taking
6 into consideration the following factors:

7 (a) Qualifications of staff;

8 (b) Suitability of programs;

9 (c) Offender needs;

10 (d) Probation population;

11 (e) Parole population; and

12 (f) Other applicable criminal justice data;

13 (2) Develop and implement a plan to establish statewide
14 operation and use of a continuum of community correctional
15 facilities and programs;

16 (3) Develop, in consultation with the probation
17 administrator and the Parole Administrator, standards for the use
18 of community correctional facilities and programs by the Nebraska
19 Probation System and the parole system;

20 (4) Develop, recommend, and review sentencing guidelines
21 for adoption by the Supreme Court as set forth in section 47-630;

22 (5) Analyze and mandate the consistent use of offender
23 risk assessment tools;

24 (6) Develop standards for eligibility of probationers and
25 parolees in certain community correctional facilities and programs;

1 (7) Educate the courts and the Board of Parole about
2 the availability and use of community correctional facilities and
3 programs;

4 (8) Enter into contracts, if necessary, for carrying out
5 the purposes of the Community Corrections Act;

6 (9) In order to ensure adequate funding for substance
7 abuse treatment programs for probationers, consult with the
8 probation administrator as provided in section 29-2262.07 and
9 develop or assist with the development of programs as provided in
10 subdivision (14) of section 29-2252;

11 (10) In order to ensure adequate funding for substance
12 abuse treatment programs for parolees, consult with the Office
13 of Parole Administration as provided in section 83-1,107.02 and
14 develop or assist with the development of programs as provided in
15 subdivision (8) of section 83-1,102;

16 (11) If necessary to perform the duties of the
17 council, hire, contract for, or otherwise obtain the services of
18 consultants, researchers, aides, and other necessary support staff;

19 (12) Study substance abuse treatment services in and
20 related to the criminal justice system, recommend improvements, and
21 evaluate the implementation of improvements;

22 (13) Study, develop, and implement minimum standards for
23 the development and use of community correctional facilities and
24 programs;

25 (14) Develop and implement a plan for statewide use of

1 community correctional facilities and programs;

2 (15) Grant funds to entities including local governmental
3 agencies, nonprofit organizations, and behavioral health services
4 which will support the intent of the act; ~~and~~

5 (16) Coordinate budgetary needs and funding sources to
6 ensure a statewide system of community corrections; and

7 ~~(16)~~ (17) Perform such other duties as may be necessary
8 to carry out the policy of the state established in the act.

9 Sec. 2. Original section 47-624, Revised Statutes
10 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, is repealed.